

CHAPTER 136D

TANNING FACILITIES

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136D.1 Short title.

This chapter may be cited as the “*Tanning Facility Regulation Act*.”
90 Acts, ch 1220, §1

136D.2 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Department*” means the Iowa department of public health.
2. “*Director*” means the director of public health, or the director’s designee.
3. “*Phototherapy device*” means a piece of equipment that emits ultraviolet radiation and that is used by a health care professional in the treatment of disease.
4. “*Tanning device*” means any equipment that emits electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths in the air between 200 and 400 nanometers and that is used for tanning of human skin, such as sunlamps, tanning booths, or tanning beds. The term also includes any accompanying equipment such as protective eyewear, timers, and handrails.
5. “*Tanning facility*” means a place that provides access to tanning devices for compensation.

90 Acts, ch 1220, §2

136D.3 Application of chapter.

1. This chapter does not apply to a phototherapy device used by or under the supervision of a licensed physician trained in the use of phototherapy devices. A tanning device used by a tanning facility must comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations.

2. This chapter shall not supersede or duplicate the authority and programs of any other agency of the state or the United States. To avoid duplication and promote coordination of radiation protection activities, the department may enter into written agreements with other state or federal agencies, with local boards of public health, or with private organizations or individuals, to administer this chapter.

90 Acts, ch 1220, §3; 2008 Acts, ch 1058, §10

136D.4 Warning signs — written warning statements.

1. A tanning facility shall post the following warning signs that describe the hazards associated with the use of tanning devices:

a. A warning sign in a conspicuous location readily visible to persons entering the establishment. The signs shall comply with rules adopted by the department.

b. A warning sign for each tanning device, in a conspicuous location readily visible to a person preparing to use the device. The sign shall comply with rules adopted by the department.

2. A tanning facility shall provide each customer with a written warning statement that complies with rules adopted by the department.

90 Acts, ch 1220, §4

136D.5 Reserved.

136D.6 Permits.

1. A person shall not operate a tanning facility without a current and valid permit to operate the facility, issued by the department.

2. The permit shall be displayed in an open public area of the tanning facility.

3. Permits shall be renewed annually upon acceptance of an application provided by the department and upon receipt of a permit fee.

4. The department may revoke, cancel, or suspend a permit to operate a tanning facility based upon criteria adopted by rule of the department.

90 Acts, ch 1220, §5

136D.7 Duties of the department.

The department shall do all of the following:

1. Establish requirements for the operation of tanning facilities, including but not limited to, proper sanitation of tanning devices, provisions of proper equipment, the presence of knowledgeable operators during operating hours, and the use of accurate timers and temperature controls.

2. Adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 17A, as necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this chapter, including but not limited to rules relating to the operation and use of tanning devices, rules regarding the warning signs required to be posted by a tanning facility, and rules prescribing the criteria for revocation, cancellation, or suspension of a tanning facility permit.

3. Establish and collect fees to defray the costs of administering the program established in this chapter. Fees collected shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.

90 Acts, ch 1220, §6

136D.8 Inspections — violations — prohibited acts — injunctions.

1. The director or an authorized agent shall have access at all reasonable times to any tanning facility to inspect the facility to determine if this chapter is being violated.

2. A person who operates or uses a tanning device or tanning facility in violation of this chapter or of any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

3. A tanning facility shall not claim, or distribute promotional materials that claim, that using a tanning device is safe or free from risk.

4. a. If the director finds that a person has violated, or is violating or threatening to violate this chapter and that the violation creates an immediate threat to the health and safety of the public, the director may petition the district court for a temporary restraining order to restrain the violation or threat of violation.

b. If a person has violated, or is violating or threatening to violate this chapter, the director may petition the district court for an injunction to prohibit the person from continuing the violation or threat of violation.

c. On application for injunctive relief and a finding that a person is violating or threatening to violate this chapter, the district court shall grant any injunctive relief warranted by the facts.

90 Acts, ch 1220, §7